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Dr. Herman Kalcker
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Dear Herman:

I was deeply grieved to hear of Szilard's situation. Ted Puck has been trying to accelerate some other awards that he obviously merits and I have hastened to help.

As to the Academy -- how empty an honor this is can be seen just from Szilard's exclusions until now. Preposterous! I doubt if you can influence normal procedure, but I would certainly commend his admission if you think there is some point to it. If you feel this should be done, I suggest you call Bronk. I myself doubt whether this would have much significance for him. What about a Festschrift instead?

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg